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Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra and Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Join Forces for Joint Summer Pops Concert

Free concert on Sunday, August 20 at Hochstein Performance Hall

ROCHESTER, N.Y.— Young musicians from the **Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO)** and **Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra (RPYO)**, join forces for a joint concert of Pops music this summer. These two fine youth orchestras will perform music from Broadway musicals, blockbuster movies, and operas, including selections from Rogers & Hammerstein's *Carousel*, *Star Wars*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, Bizet's *Carmen*, and Verdi's *Nabucco*, among others. **Paul Shewan** conducts the joint orchestras, with vocal soloist **Amanda Meldrum** singing Ella Fitzgerald's breakthrough hit "A-Tisket, A-Tasket," to celebrate Ella's 100th birthday. This free concert is on **Sunday, August 20 at 3:00 pm** in the Hochstein Performance Hall.

Paul Shewan is Professor of Conducting and Trumpet at Roberts Wesleyan College, where he conducts the Wind Ensemble and the Orchestra, and teaches trumpet, brass ensembles, and instrumental conducting. A graduate of the Eastman School of Music he is a member of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra trumpet section and is a frequent RPO guest conductor.

Amanda Meldrum: Amanda holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Therapy from SUNY Fredonia, has studied Vocal Performance and Music Education at Eastman School of Music, and is currently completing a master's in Creative Arts Therapy at Nazareth College. She brings experience as a board-certified music therapist, rehabilitation therapist, private voice instructor, and youth community musical theatre director. At Allendale Columbia, Amanda manages and directs the Upper School musicals and plays, teaches Upper School theatre classes, leads the Boys Ensemble, and teaches Middle School music electives and Drama Foundations.

About Hochstein: The Hochstein School of Music & Dance celebrates 96 years of nurturing the creative spirit by providing excellent music and dance instruction to anyone who is interested—regardless of age, level of skill, background, or ability to pay. Established in 1920 as The David Hochstein Memorial Music School, today Hochstein serves approximately 4,000 students annually from a 12-county region surrounding Rochester, N.Y., with offerings in music, dance, and Expressive Arts (music, art, and dance therapy). In addition, the Hochstein School continues its commitment to the Rochester community by offering a variety of free and low cost concerts and performances in the Hochstein Performance Hall throughout the year. For more information, visit www.hochstein.org.

About HYSO: The HYSO is an advanced youth orchestra comprised of approximately 80 students in grades 7-12 from throughout the Rochester region. The primary goal of HYSO is to create a community of talented young musicians through the rigorous study of classical symphony orchestra literature. Each season the orchestra presents three full programs in the historic Hochstein Performance Hall. The HYSO has performed at Carnegie Hall and has toured and performed in Austria, France, Germany, the Czech Republic, Italy, and Ireland. HYSO will tour Portugal and Spain in the spring of 2018. For more information, visit <http://www.hochstein.org/ensembles/orchestras/HYSO>.

About RPYO: The Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra is a symphonic orchestra comprised of about 100 of the most accomplished middle- and high-school musicians from more than 30 schools from 5 different counties around the greater Rochester area. A component of the Education Department of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, the RPYO was founded in 1970 to provide highly enriching musical ensemble experiences to very accomplished young musicians from varied backgrounds. Each year the RPYO presents three full programs of major symphonic works, as well as special outreach concerts. RPYO has toured and performed in Italy, France, Eastern Europe, England, Germany, NYC and Canada. In 2017 RPYO performed in Carnegie Hall. For more information, visit www.rpyo.org.

CALENDAR LISTING

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Sunday, August 20, 2017; 3:00 pm; Hochstein Performance Hall; free and open to the public.

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